

Lib. R. R. R. At a Councill held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the third Day of  
October Anno Dmi. 1684:

the hon<sup>ble</sup> { Coll George Talbott  
Coll Henry Darnall  
Coll William Diggs  
Coll William Stevens

the hon<sup>ble</sup> { Majo<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Sewall  
M<sup>r</sup> John Darnall  
Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Trueman  
Present

At which time was produced and read a Lett<sup>r</sup> from the  
hon<sup>ble</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Edward Pye a member of this board, with one  
Inclosed from Coll Spencer of Virginia, which are as foll viz.

M<sup>r</sup> Pyes Letter to Councill

Portobacco October 2<sup>d</sup> 1684:

May it please your Hon<sup>rs</sup>

I was desired to present before your Hono<sup>rs</sup> the contents of  
the Inclosed, which I received by the hands of Cap<sup>t</sup> Brent of  
Virginia: but I thought it necessary to send it in Specie for  
feare the high strained complements that are given me therein  
(if afterwards they should have come to view) might have  
made me appeare a concealer of too greate a correspondency  
with the author thereof to the prejudice of Maryland.

p. 116 Cap<sup>t</sup> Brent amplified upon the Letter most largely but the  
summe of all that was materiall amounts onely to this, that if  
such an Offence were not taken notice of by this Governm<sup>t</sup> it  
would be an ill precedent to the Virginians, and breed ill blood  
in some hott headed fellows, who might by this Example  
attempt the like here, the consequence of which would be  
dangerous; and that the prevention would be soe easie (they  
requiring nothing else but the Offend<sup>rs</sup> Submission in Staf-  
ford County Court) that he did not question but it would  
appeare rationall to the Governo<sup>rs</sup> to ord<sup>r</sup> it

I am sorry that I am forced to trouble your Hono<sup>rs</sup> with soe  
tedious a Letter, and yett I cannot without Injustice lett pass  
a report that goes in this County very favourable to the  
Offend<sup>r</sup> ffor whereas it is expressed in the Letter that he  
intended to Surprise Mathena, it is almost quite contrary; He  
understanding that his Atto<sup>ney</sup> and the Sheriff designed to  
surprize him with an arrest for what was not due to the said  
Atto<sup>ney</sup>, whom he employed onely in the County Court,  
where Judgem<sup>t</sup> being given against him, he was willing to  
pay Mathena, in ord<sup>r</sup> to which he then came over, and was  
likewise contented to Satisfie the said Atto<sup>ney</sup> for what he had